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We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. A check for \$768.00 representing the filing fee.
2. Application - 51 pages, including 4 independent claims and 20 claims total.
3. Drawings - 23 sheets of formal drawings containing 56 figures.
4. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with document attached.

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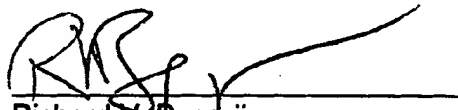
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